

Proposed Bill No. 38

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LCO No. 380

Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by: SEN. LOONEY, 11th Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND DIVISION OF PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That chapter 14 of the general statutes be amended to (1) exempt
- 2 from disclosure any documents retained by a public defender or
- 3 special public defender pertaining to the legal representation of an
- 4 indigent client, (2) exempt from disclosure the personnel or medical
- 5 file concerning an employee of the Division of Public Defender
- 6 Services, and (3) exempt any member of the Division of Public
- 7 Defender Services or special assistant public defender from paying the
- 8 fee required in section 1-212 of the general statutes for any copy
- 9 obtained in the performance of such member's or defender's duties.

Statement of Purpose:

To exempt certain documents retained or concerning public defenders from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act and to exempt public defenders from paying a fee for copies obtained under said act.